MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) and (*b*) A * statement furnishing the information is laid on the able.

(*c*) It is understood that the fibre in question is mainly utilised for the manufacture of brushes and brooms.

(*d*) No.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to the answer to part (d) of the question am I to take it that Government have not investigated it because they think that it is impossible to develop any cottage industry?

PRESIDENT: There is a certain agency already doing something in that direction and Government are helping that agency by procuring orders and so forth. It is open to local enterprise to start the venture and then Government will help them. It is a very promising trade.

Cape Government Hotel.

275. ❋ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the officer responsible for managing and conducting the Cape Government Hotel;

(*b*) the person responsible for catering;

(*c*) whether the Steward, cooks and other servants receive their monthly pay from the Government;

(*d*) whether all furniture, cutlery and crockery are supplied at the expense of Government;

(*e*) the amount paid by Government as catering expenses during the year 1115;

(*f*) whether Government ascertain the correctness of such bills before payment;

(*g*) the officer responsible for such checking;

(*h*) whether any Brahmin cook is employed;

(*i*) the income derived to Government except room rent from that hotel during 1115;

(*j*) the amount of expenses incurred by Government during the said period; and

(*k*) the total number of visitors to the hotel during the year 1115?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) The Steward in charge who is guided by the Sub-Division Officer and Division Officer, Nagercoil.

(*b*) The Steward, Cape Hotel.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Bh. Rs. 297-5-6.

(*f*) Yes.

* *Vide* Appendix I, page 435.

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(*g*) The Division Officer, Nagercoil and the Catering Superintendent in charge of the State Guests Department.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) No income except rent.

(*j*) Rs. 2,728-5-11 for Cape Hotel and the Rest House.

(*k*) 680.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know to whom the profits from the Cape Hotel go ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : To Government.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : It is stated in the answer to part (i) of the question that Government do not derive any income except the rent.

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Government only derive the rent.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : From the answers to parts (i) and (j) of the question am I to understand that the Cape Hotel is run at a loss to Government ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : At present it is run at a loss.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : In view of the large number of visitors in the Government Hotel, viz., 680 per year, have Government thought of devising measures to see that it is run on profitable scale ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : The matter is under consideration.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that this large number of visitors staying at the Cape Hotel do not cause loss to Government ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Catering is done separately.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know who does the catering ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : The Superintendent, Cape Hotel.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Is he permitted to cater to guests in the Government Hotel ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Yes.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that Government are not aware that the steward there is not taking any profit ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Government are not aware of it.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Am I to understand that the Mascot Hotel here is also run in the same manner ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : I cannot say.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Is the Superintendent of the Cape Hotel a Government servant ?

MR. P. J. THOMAS : Yes.

Construction of a parapet wall at the Kottar Dharmapuram Road.

276. ✻ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer received a petition in Thulam 1116, from K. Narayanaperumal Nadar M. L. A., and others for the immediate construction of a parapet wall over the culvert at about the 6th furlong 3rd mile of the Kottar-Dharmapuram road ;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer or the Executive Engineer, Nagercoil, has visited the spot and, if so, the date of the visit ; and

(*c*) the approximate cost of the parapet wall ?

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